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In re Application of  
Nancy F. Dean, et al.  
Serial No. 09/333,564  
Filed: June 21, 1999  
For: COMPLIANT FIBROUS THERMAL  
INTERFACE

DECISION  
ON PETITION

This is in response to the petition filed October 02, 2000, requesting that the above-identified application be granted Special Status under Section 708.02 (VIII) of the MPEP.

The petition has been considered and found to comply with the requirements set forth under the above noted sections. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

The petition is GRANTED.

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From: Director's Office, CP3 8D19  
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Subject: Petition for accelerated examination

A petition for accelerated examination, pursuant to MPEP 708.02 (VIII), has been filed in this application.

In order to respond to this request as promptly as possible, please complete the questions below and return to the Director's Office - CP3-8D 19 by COB 11/9/01.

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| 1. Are all the claims directed to a single invention (no restriction required)? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| a. If "no", has the petitioner made an election in the petition?                | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. If "no", has a restriction requirement been made by examiner?                | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If "no" to (b), give to examiner for telephone restriction only                 |                                     |                          |
| c. If "yes" to (b), was election made without traverse?                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If "no" to (c), return to secretary for "DENIAL" of petition.                   |                                     |                          |

2. Is the field of search listed in the petition correct:

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| a. Classes and subclasses?   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If "no", please list all reasonable, additional classes/subclasses _____ |                                     |                          |

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| b. Publications? (If applicable) <u>NA</u>             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| d. Database searches, e.g., Chemical Abstract? (If applicable)      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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3. Has a search been performed by a foreign patent office, e.g., is an EPO, JPO, or WIPO document present in the application file or supplied by applicant, and is the document for an equivalent foreign application?

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| a. If "yes", does the document list an IPC type search?                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. If "yes" to (a), are the IPC classes/subclasses reasonable?(Optional) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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